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1. REGARDING THE MEETING OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN
WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY JAGAT MEHTA MARCH 17, WE UNDERSTAND
FROM A HIGHLY RELIABLE INDIAN SOURCE THAT FIRYUBIN WAS IN
TRANSIT FROM A VIST TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE 45-MINUTE
MEETING, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY THE MEA JOINT

SECRETARY AS WELL, WAS HELD AT DELHI AIRPORT. WE HAVE NOT HEARD WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE MEETING, BUT OUR SOURCE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT MEHTA HOLDING SUCH SESSIONS WITH TRANSITTING VIPS.

2. EMBOFF ALSO ASKED GERMAN POLITICAL COUNSELLOR BROCKDORFF ABOUT THE FRG REPORT ON THE FIRYUBIN MEETING CITED PARA FIVE REFTEL. BROCKDORFF SAID THAT THE REPORT WAS HIS OWN SPECULATION (CLEARLY INDICATED AS SUCH) ON WHAT SUBJECTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP IN THE MEETING, VIZ: DEEP PENETRATION STRIKE AIRCRAFT; SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS, A KOSYGIN VISIT, AND THE RUPEE-ROUBLE AGREEMENT. HE HAS NO CONFIRMATION THAT ANY FACT WERE DISCUSSED.

3. BROCKDORFF SAID THAT HIS REPORT THAT KOSYGIN MIGHT VISIT INDIA SOON WAS A RESULT OF A CONVERSATION WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, POLITICAL COUNSELLOR FIALKOVSKY, ON MARCH 17, APPARENTLY PRIOR TO FIRYUBIN'S ARRIVAL. IN TURN, FIALKOVSKY WANTED TO KNOW IF VAJPAYEE'S VISIT TO PEKING MIGHT TAKE PLACE WITHIN A FEW MONTHS. BROCKDORFF THOUGHT THIS QUESTION MAY HAVE BEEN PROMPTED BY A REPORT HE HFS HEARD THAT VAJPAYEE MIGHT VISIT TOKYO, SEOUL AND PEKING ON HIS WAY BACK FROM THE SSOD. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE MEA DOES NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF VAJPAYEE GOING TO PEKING SO SOON. AT THIS
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STAGE, WE DOUBT THE ACCURACY OF THE REPORT.
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